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Applicant(s): Albert Everaerts et al.) Group Art Unit: 1733
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For: LATENT, OVER-TACKIFIED, ADHESIVES AND METHODS OF USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

-- Useful techniques for powder coating of the latent, over-tackified, adhesive include, but are not limited to, fluidized-bed coating, electrostatic spray processes, scatter coating, slurry coating a dispersion, and using a sieve to deposit the powder in a manner similar to screen printing. In the fluidized-bed coating process, the powdered material is placed in a container having a porous plate as its base. Air is passed through the plate, causing the powder to expand in volume and fluidize. In this state, the powder possesses some of the characteristics of a fluid. The substrate is heated in an oven to a temperature above the melting point of the powder and dipped into the fluidized bed where the particles melt on the surface to form a coating. Alternatively, the cold substrate can be run over a bed of fluidized particles that are tribo-charged